

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1906. A bill to amend Public Law 104-307 to extend the expiration date of the authority to sell certain aircraft for use in wildfire suppression, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) (by request):

S. 1907. A bill to prohibit employment discrimination against parents and those with parental responsibilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1908. A bill to protect students from commercial exploitation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 1909. A bill to provide for the preparation of a Governmental report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgment of such injustices by the President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1910. A bill to amend the Act establishing Women's Rights National Historical Park to permit the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title in fee simple to the Hunt House located in Waterloo, New York; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SESSIONS, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1911. A bill to conserve Atlantic highly migratory species of fish, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1912. A bill to facilitate the growth of electronic commerce and enable the electronic commerce market to continue its current growth rate and realize its full potential, to signal strong support of the electronic commerce market by promoting its use within Federal government agencies and small and medium-sized businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL)):

S. 1913. A bill to amend the Act entitled "An act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community" to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MACK (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1914. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the creation of disaster protection funds by property and casualty insurance companies for the payment of policyholders' claims arising from future catastrophic events; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. REID):

S. 1915. A bill to enhance the services provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to small communities that are attempting to comply with national, State, and local environmental regulations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1916. A bill to extend certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authoriza-

tions for a 6-month period, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1917. A bill to abolish the death penalty under Federal law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1918. A bill to waive the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to qualify for medicare benefits in the case of individuals suffering from terminal illness with not more than 2 years to live; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1919. A bill to permit travel to or from Cuba by United States citizens and lawful resident aliens of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1920. A bill to combat money laundering and protect the United States financial system by addressing the vulnerabilities of private banking to money laundering, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. Res. 231. A resolution referring S. 1456 entitled "A bill for the relief of Rocco A. Trecosta of Fort Lauderdale, Florida" to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 232. A resolution making changes to Senate committees for the 106th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. Con. Res. 72. A concurrent resolution expressing condemnation of the use of children as soldiers and the belief that the United States should support and, where possible, lead efforts to establish and enforce international standards designed to end this abuse of human rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. Con. Res. 73. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Freedom Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1899. A bill to redesignate the Federal Emergency Management Agency as the "Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency," and to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency to make grants to local fire departments for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

THE FIREFIGHTER INVESTMENT AND RESPONSE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation

which would better equip our nation's firefighters to fight the ever-increasing threat of property destruction and potential loss of life.

The "Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act of 1999" would authorize the newly-named Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency to make available matching grants on a competitive basis to fire departments for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards. This bill is a companion to H.R. 1168, which was introduced by my colleague in the House of Representatives, Congressman PASCARELL.

Mr. President, each year approximately 100 of our nation's firefighters pay the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the safety of our communities. Increased demands on firefighting personnel have made it difficult for local governments to prepare for necessary fire safety precautions. The fire loss in the United States is serious, and the fire death rate is one of the highest per capita in the industrialized world. Fire kills more than 4,000 people and injures more than 25,000 people each year. Today, 11 people will die due to fire. Two of these people are likely to be children under the age of 5. Another 68 people will be injured due to fire. Financially, the impact of America's estimated 2.2 million fires annually is over \$9 billion in direct property losses. Those numbers are staggering, and many of these losses could have been prevented.

The bill I introduce today would make grants available to train firefighter personnel in firefighting, emergency response, arson prevention and detection, and the handling of hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants associated with the illegal manufacture of amphetamine or methamphetamine.

This bill also creates partnerships by allowing for the effective use of the capabilities of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Department of Commerce, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission for research and development aimed at advancing the health and safety of firefighters; information technologies for fire management; technologies for fire prevention and protection; firefighting technologies; and burn care and rehabilitation.

In addition, this legislation would ensure that grants would be made to a wide variety of fire departments, including applicants from paid, volunteer, and combination fire departments, large and small, which are situated in urban, suburban and rural communities.

Mr. President, despite the risks, 1.2 million men and women firefighters willingly put their lives on the line responding to over 17 million calls, annually. Our greatest challenge is to put